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The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board on Friday approved \$7.1 million for agricultural diversification work, including several small projects in western Kentucky.

The board, meeting in Frankfort, awarded a \$31,500 grant to the Ballard County Conservation District to establish a cost-share program that will help grain farmers purchase equipment needed to battle soybean rust.

The disease, expected to reach western Kentucky this summer, can wipe out an entire crop if not dealt with quickly.

Also, the board awarded \$20,000 to Caldwell County for fencing improvement to bolster and expand pastures for livestock production. Caldwell County also will receive \$25,000 as part of the hay, straw and commodity storage program helping farmer increase the quality of their products and boost farm income.

Funds will be distributed through the local University of Kentucky Agriculture Extension office.

The largest project funded was up to \$3 million to help Allied Food Marketers West develop a marketing program to help small producers and developers of niche products. Allied will work with Kentucky producers to create a business incubator that will assist farmers in the steps that they must go through to pursue their business ideas.

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